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Boundary Review Board for King County  
Yesler Building, Room 240  
400 Yesler Way  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Re: Proposed Fairwood Annexation – Kent's PAA Boundary

Dear Board Members:

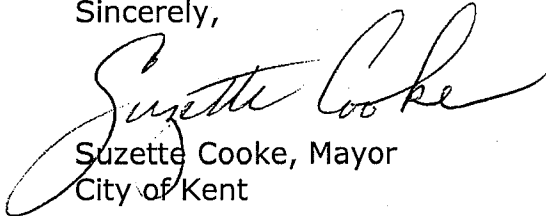
The City of Kent appreciates the opportunity to present information to the Boundary Review Board (BRB) to assist the BRB in its deliberations and decision on the Fairwood Annexation to Renton. The City of Kent also extends its best wishes to the City of Renton in offering the residents of the Fairwood Annexation Area with an option in governance.

The City of Kent has a comment about the proposed boundary of the Fairwood Annexation that may help the BRB in its decision-making process. To explain, the existing Potential Annexation Area (PAA) boundary between Renton and Kent in the area of the Soos Creek Park is drawn along the approximate centerline of the creek as it meanders through the Soos Creek Valley. As a result, the proposed boundary of the Fairwood Annexation has been drawn along this same line. This leaves approximately one half (1/2) of the Soos Creek Park lying north of SE 208<sup>th</sup> Street in unincorporated King County. It should be noted that the boundary of Kent's Panther Lake Annexation Area is the western edge of the Soos Creek Park. Therefore, should the Fairwood area annex to Renton, a sliver of unincorporated land lying wholly within the Soos Creek Park will exist between Kent and Renton city limits.

Kent would not oppose a redrawing of the PAA boundary and, hence, the annexation area boundary along the western edge of the Soos Creek Park. This would result in the entire area of the Soos Creek Park lying north of SE 208<sup>th</sup> Street being included in the proposed Fairwood Annexation boundary. To formalize this adjustment, the City of Kent would join with Renton and King County to process a PAA modification before the Growth Management Planning Council as soon as possible.

We hope this clarification is helpful in your decision-making process.

Sincerely,



Suzette Cooke, Mayor  
City of Kent

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